

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5-6, 9, 15 and 16 are amended. Reconsideration of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 13 and 14 are allowed and that claims 5-7 are objected to as containing allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 8-12, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,671,614 to Weisman. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Weisman fails to disclose a vehicle traveling state recording method comprising, recording information on traveling states, stopping the recording of the information on the traveling states when the vehicle stops, reading the recorded information out, and outputting the read-out information, as claimed in claim 1; a computer controlling an engine comprising, an input section for inputting information on traveling states, a memory, a controller, the controller stopping the recording of the information when the vehicle stops, and the controller outputting the information, as claimed in claim 9; a vehicle traveling state recording method comprising, recording information on traveling states in a time-series manner in a computer, changing a connection state of a predetermined terminal of the computer, and after the changing, reading the recorded information, as claimed in claim 15; or a computer controlling an engine, the computer comprising, an input section for inputting information on traveling states, a memory for recording the information in a time-series manner, and a controller for controlling the information, the controller outputting the information recorded in the memory when a connection state of a predetermined terminal of the computer is changed, as claimed in claim 16.

With respect to claims 1 and 9, the features of stopping the recording of the information when the vehicle stops are disclosed, for example, at page 10, lines 15-16. With respect to claims 15 and 16, the features of changing a connection state of a predetermined terminal of the computer is similarly recited, for example, in claims 5 and 6. As discussed above, the Patent Office has indicated that claims 5 and 6 contain allowable subject matter.

With respect to claims 1 and 9, Weisman discloses that the electronic control module 20 can sample various sensors at regular intervals under controlled conditions, or it can sample continuously (col. 9, lines 39-41). Moreover, throughout Weisman's disclosure, data is collected at regular intervals. For example, fuel economy trend information is taken every aaa (20) engine hours (col. 10, lines 35-38); maximum oil temperature is sampled every aaa (20) engine hours (col. 10, lines 40-45); an RPM sample is taken every aaa (20) engine hours (col. 10, lines 59-61); and a maximum vehicle speed sample is taken every aaa (20) engine hours (col. 10, line 66 - col. 11, line 1). Weisman does not disclose recording or inputting information on traveling states and stopping the recording of the information when the vehicle stops.

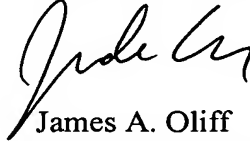
With respect to claims 15 and 16, as discussed above, Weisman does not disclose changing a connection state of a predetermined terminal of a computer.

For at least the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 9, 15 and 16 are distinguishable over the applied art. Moreover, those claims which depend from claims 1 and 9 are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under §102 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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